

**III. REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks is requested.

Request for Clarification

Applicant does not understand the following quote from the first paragraph of Page 2 of the Office Action:

"There is no explanation in the remarks of the relevance of the newly presented claims 44 and 45 which shows support in the specification for the new claims."

This statement is ambiguous, indefinite, and impossible to understand, much less respond to. For example, there is nothing in 37 C.F.R. 1.111 that requires an explanation of the relevance of any newly presented claims.

Response to the Requirement

Although Applicant does not fully understand the above quoted portion of the Office Action, he attempts to respond as follows:

As indicated in the Claim Table at page 38 of the Amendment mailed May 5, 2004, claim 44 is dependent claim 22 written in independent form by combining it with its corresponding independent claim 18. Similarly, claim 45 is previous dependent claim 22 – which was indicated allowable on the record if written in independent form – has been written in independent form by combining it with its corresponding independent claim 19.

In view of the foregoing, a formal notice of allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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